

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**CORRECTED
FISCAL NOTE**

HB 2681 - SB 2686

March 30, 2010

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits any health care plan established through an exchange pursuant to federal health care reform legislation enacted by the 111th United States Congress from offering coverage for abortion services.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

On February 9, 2010, we issued a fiscal note indicating an *Other Fiscal Impact – The 111th U.S. Congress has not passed federal health care reform legislation at this time. Depending on the scope of legislation that may pass, the provisions of this bill could result in a significant fiscal impact resulting from mandated changes in the TennCare program or sanctions imposed against the state for not meeting mandated federal regulation requirements. An estimated fiscal impact is not possible at this time.* The 111th U.S. Congress has since passed the *Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act* and the fiscal note has been changed to reflect the passage. The estimated fiscal impact is as follows:

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Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

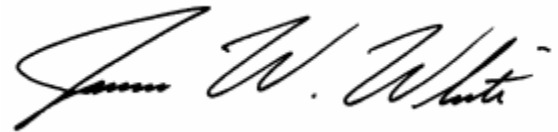
- The Department of Commerce and Insurance does not foresee a significant change in current insurance policy review procedures. Any adjustments to these procedures will not be significant and can be accommodated within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.
- On March 24, 2010, President Obama issued an Executive Order ensuring that the enforcement and implementation of abortion restrictions in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act be consistent with longstanding restrictions on the use of federal funds for abortions. The provisions of the bill should not put the state in jeopardy of losing federal funds or result in sanctions imposed against the state for not meeting mandated federal regulation requirements.

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- Currently, the TennCare program reimburses for abortions in the cases of rape or incest as required by current federal law. The provisions of the bill will not change the TennCare program's current practices.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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